

March of Dimes for his positive influence and contribution to the community. In 2007, he was honored with the New Jersey Institute for Nursing EPIC Award, which honors exceptional individuals for their contributions to New Jersey communities and the advancement of health care for the profession of nursing.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Murray's service to New Jersey's First Congressional District should not go unrecognized. I want to personally thank Dick Murray for the exceptional guidance he has provided his staff, the community service he has provided to members of the community, and the lives that he has changed throughout New Jersey. I congratulate Mr. Murray and wish him the best of luck in the future.

TRIBUTE TO WINSTON SPENCER WATERS II

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Winston Spencer Waters II, a senior at Elmont Memorial High School. Winston was named a semifinalist in the Intel Science Talent Search Competition, becoming the first Elmont student to be named a semifinalist in the competition.

The Intel Science Talent Search is America's most prestigious science research competition for high school seniors. Each year 300 students are selected as semifinalists nationwide. Winston's project, "Separating the Roles of HIF-1 α and HIF-2 α in Tumorigenesis through Downregulation of HIF-2 α by RNA Interference." This project studied Von Hippel Lindau, or VHL, disease which is a form of kidney cancer. Winston was selected as a semifinalist from over 1,000 students who entered projects into the competition.

This is a remarkable achievement for Winston, for the Elmont Memorial High School and for the entire Elmont Community. Winston has not only excelled in science, but has worked hard to remain a well balanced student. As President of the senior class, member of the Future Business Leaders of America and the Math, Science and National Honor Societies, he has certainly been able to accomplish that goal.

As a Member of the Committee for Education and Labor, I commend Winston and congratulate him for his dedication to his education. I would like to wish him the best of luck as he prepares to attend Harvard University in the fall, where he plans to study biomedical sciences and engineering as well as economics or finance.

Madam Speaker, it is with pride and admiration I offer my congratulations and best wishes to Winston Spencer Waters II and his entire family.

IN RECOGNITION OF REVEREND
DOUGLAS PAUL JONES OF WEL-
COME MISSIONARY BAPTIST
CHURCH

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Reverend Douglas Paul Jones, on the occasion of his twentieth anniversary as Senior Pastor of the Welcome Missionary Baptist Church in the City of Pontiac, Michigan. Since June 18, 1989, when Pastor Jones was first installed, he has been a tireless leader—both within the church, and in the greater Pontiac community.

Throughout Pastor Jones' tenure at Welcome Missionary Baptist Church, he has grown the membership of the church by more than three thousand members. As the Senior Pastor of the church, he has touched countless lives through developing well respected ministries and mentorship programs supporting men, women, and young adults, as well as those individuals struggling with drug addiction, domestic violence and HIV/AIDS.

Outside of the church, Pastor Jones is a member of various chambers of commerce, business associations and youth programs. Of note, he founded the Greater Pontiac Community Coalition with the mission to collectively exercise actions and advocacy to generate individual, social, and institutional change. His outreach sews the fabric of the religious, social, educational, business, and artistic communities together with the steadfastness of a person of faith and foresight of a true leader.

Pastor Jones, I congratulate you on this significant anniversary. I salute your untiring commitment to Welcome Missionary Baptist Church and the greater City of Pontiac community. I am proud to call you not only a partner in serving our community, but also a dear friend. I look forward to the next twenty years working with you and the congregation at Welcome Missionary Baptist Church.

IN HONOR OF J. NICHOLAS
COUNTER III UPON HIS RETIRE-
MENT AS PRESIDENT OF THE
ALLIANCE OF MOTION PICTURE
& TELEVISION PRODUCERS

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mr. BERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to share some observations about the historic career of J. Nicholas ("Nick") Counter III upon his retirement from the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, "AMPTP". AMPTP is the multi-employer bargaining agent for more than 350 production companies in their collective bargaining negotiations with more than 20 labor organizations. The production companies include the major motion picture studios and independent production companies. The labor organizations with whom AMPTP engages in collective bargaining include the Directors Guild of America, the Screen Actors Guild, the American Federation of Radio and Television Artists, the Writers

Guild of America, East and West, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the American Federation of Musicians, and the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, which is the umbrella union for all unions which represent those workers behind the camera—from costumers and make-up artists to art directors and animators. AMPTP negotiates 80 industry-wide collective bargaining agreements, covering some 250,000 industry workers in the United States and Canada.

Nick joined the AMPTP when it was established in 1982 as its first president and has served in that capacity for the past 27 years. During his tenure, he has successfully concluded 312 collective bargaining agreements with the major entertainment industry guilds and unions. Throughout the vast majority of Nick's tenure, the motion picture and television industry enjoyed unprecedented labor peace and stability. In addition, the industry has thrived with growth in employment and wages and consistently improved working conditions under Nick's leadership. He has presided over dramatic changes in the motion picture industry, from the growth of home entertainment to new media, and he has led producers at the bargaining table through these momentous transformations. Many in Hollywood say Nick has had the hardest job in Hollywood—to maintain unity among the producers and face off with some of the most professional and creative workers in any business.

He has been well-suited to the job. He learned about labor relations up close while working summers at a Colorado steel mill where his father spent his career. An amateur boxer and high school star football player, he graduated from the University of Colorado with a degree in electrical engineering and a record of accomplishment as half-back on the football team. Then he detoured to law school, graduating from Stanford University and made his home in Los Angeles.

Nick's accomplishments go beyond his role at the bargaining table. It is well known that motion picture industry jobs come with good benefits—health insurance and pensions. Nick has played a critical role in ensuring those benefits are secure. He serves as a trustee on fourteen guild and union health and pension funds. He is also a trustee on the Motion Picture and Television Fund, a past president and current member of the Board of Directors of the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans, and a past chair of the Entertainment Industry Foundation. And he has provided his experience and wisdom to many national groups examining health care issues that face our nation. He has also engaged on safety and environmental issues that affect the industry.

After such a distinguished career, Nick has earned his opportunity to live the next chapter. He will give up the all night bargaining sessions for more time with his family—his wife, Jackie; his son Nick IV; his daughter, Samantha, and her husband, Alex Kurtzman, and their son, Jack. As he embarks on this well-deserved retirement, I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our appreciation for the work he has done and wishing him and his family well.